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THE majority in the state legislature must win, notwithstanding the rantings from the Kansas City Journal and other mugwump sources.

THE man behind the shovel the past week was a patriot, but there were several sidewalk owners in Laclede who didn't care to be patriots.

THE amount of freezing and the unusual amount of snow presages a good crop for next season by putting the ground in splendid condition for cultivation.

PARTY regularity is what builds up and strengthens political parties. Kill the majority rule principle and the life and usefulness of the organization is gone.

THE fact that the Journal is opposed to the Kansas City police board appointed by Governor Folk makes it appear that the governor's appointments are all right.

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THE United States senator from Missouri must be a friend of the president and one in accord with his views on railroad legislation. This alone bars Mr. Kerens or any one he might suggest, and is the principal reason why he was defeated for the caucus nomination.

THE republicans of Missouri are not in sympathy with the actions of the obstructionists at Jefferson City. Unless some better reason than any yet advanced can be given for bolting the caucus nominee, the average voter will always remember those who led the bolt and those who followed like led cattle with contempt.—Sedalia Capital.

It every feeder of young steers in Linn county could read Wayne Dinsmore's article on "Feeding Young Steers for Market" in the current issue of The Farmer and Stockman, and faithfully apply the principles inculcated, it would be highly advantageous for all concerned. The article is in answer to a query from a stockman who contemplates feeding twenty high-grade Angus steer calves that will be a year old in April and May. Professor Dinsmore says the calves should now weigh 500 to 550 pounds and should gain from 600 to 800 pounds in the next ten months and be ready for market in November or the first of December. "Greatest possible gains consistent with reasonable cost of food should be the aim," he declares. He goes on to discuss the various foods composing the several possible balanced rations to force calves in this manner. The article is full of facts and sound logic; and THE BLADE regards the publication of such special articles by The Farmer and Stockman as highly commendable. We are taking large numbers of subscriptions for this excellent farm paper.

Railroads Against Him.  
St. Joseph Gazette.

One does not need to be much of an adept at reading the lines to see that the Roosevelt policy of granting additional authority and power to the government in dealing with the railroads in the matter of rates and rebates is having to do with the senatorial deadlock in Missouri.

It is well understood that the republican caucus nominee, Mr. Niedringhaus, would be a firm and ardent

advocate and supporter of President Roosevelt, and it is for the purpose of beating Mr. Niedringhaus out of the senate, where his advocacy and support would be most effective, that the railroads are bending their energies to compass his defeat.

The thing that adds confirmation to this "hunch" is the fact that nine out of every ten men mentioned as desirable compromise material are either the close friends or the representatives of the corporations.

They wouldn't admit it—they're too smooth, too diplomatic for that—but the fact remains, nevertheless, that the railroads are resolved to resort to desperate means to circumvent the president in his present plans for rate and rebate legislation, and wherever they can rush in and defeat a friend of the president for a seat in the United States senate, rest assured they will do it.

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